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MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrative Officer, DCI

SUBJECT :

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1. The Office of the Special Assistant to the Director for Vietnamese Affairs (SAVA), as you know, does not have its own Table of Organization and, hence, has no assigned slots. Furthermore, the Director has indicated that within the near future he intends to restructure the functions and responsibilities of this office. Our personnel needs and requirements over the next year or two are therefore impossible to determine at this time.

2. For the above reasons, we do not now have an assignment for [REDACTED] Also, given our administrative structure, any assignment of [REDACTED] to this office would only delay the problem of administrative placement with which he is currently faced and would not resolve it as it needs to be resolved.

3. I say the above with considerable regret for, as I have indicated in separate memoranda, I believe [REDACTED] is a victim of administrative mechanics and circumstances in which he has had no voice and over which he has had no control. During the period he worked on this Staff, he was a solid officer in every respect whose performance was excellent. A review of his record indicates to me that for the past seven plus years (during which he has been away from his nominal parent directorate) his performance in a variety of important assignments has been eminently commendable and of great value to the Agency. As I understand the situation, he is "surplus," primarily because during these past seven years he was never administratively picked up by any of the components for which he was actually working. The determination of his parent component (OBGI) that an officer who has not worked for it for the better part of a decade is surplus to its current needs is entirely understandable. Nonetheless, I would regard Mr. Owens' departure from the Agency as a loss to the Agency of a very productive officer whose past performance demonstrates a proven potential for future contributions.

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